Summary Report on Intelligence Community Offices of Inspectors General Information Security Continuous Monitoring Program Assessments

(July 2022) In 2019, Assistant Inspectors General for Audit for several Intelligence Community (IC) Offices of Inspector General (OIG) met to discuss each element's most challenging Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) issues. The OIGs concluded that Information Security Continuous Monitoring (ISCM) programs maintained consistently low maturity levels during annual FISMA evaluations. In fiscal year (FY) 2020, the IC OIGs initiated a joint project to identify reasons why Intelligence Community elements remain at a low maturity level for implementing continuous monitoring requirements.

The objectives of this summary report were to consolidate the OIGs' ISCM data and identify any common themes to improve the IC elements' continuous monitoring program implementation. Four IC OIGs executed FY 2020 assessments but their conclusions differed on whether risk and configuration management issues contributed to their agencies' ISCM ratings. The OIGs' assessments provided detailed and often comprehensive information on the elements' ISCM programs, but did not identify common themes or systemic issues that would help the agencies improve continuous monitoring program implementation.

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